

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10 remain in the application. Claim 9 has been cancelled.

In the Office Action dated February 27, 2009, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huss Jr. et al. (2003/0166349) in view of Clark et al. (5,453,016).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to provide some clarification and also to further distinguish from the cited references. Applicant has also removed the reference numerals from the claims. The first reference to “therefrom” in claim 1 has been changed to “from the first terminals” while the second reference to “therefrom” has been changed to “from the second terminals” for clarification that circuit board press-fit portions project respectively from both the plurality of first terminals and the plurality of second terminals.

Claim 1 has also been amended to require “the first and second terminals being arranged in respective spaced apart rows, said first terminals having a first pitch and said second terminals having a second pitch”. The claim further states the “...press-fit portions of the second terminals being exposed exteriorly of both the housing and the press-fitting block for locking engagement with an independent press-fitting jig for press-fitting the second terminals into other holes in the circuit board, said press fitting jig is engaged with the press fitting block.”

Huss does not disclose or suggest a first plurality of terminals and a second plurality of terminals in spaced apart rows having different pitches, with a press-fitting block locked to the first terminals for press fitting the first terminals into the circuit board and with press-fit portions of the second terminals exposed from the press-fitting block for locking engagement with an independent press-fitting jig for press-fitting the second terminals into the circuit board, with the press fitting jig in engagement with the press fitting block. As stated by the Examiner, Huss does not disclose the press-fitting block being locked to the first terminals, let alone having a plurality of second terminals exposed exteriorly of the press-fitting block for locking engagement with an independent press-fitting jig which is engaged with the press-fitting block.

Although Clark may show press-fit pins locked to the block (12), it also does not show or suggest a second plurality of pins exposed exteriorly of the block for locking engagement with an independent press-fitting jig for press-fitting the second terminals into the circuit board, which jig is engaged with the press-fitting block.

Some additional clarification amendments were made to change the reference from “appropriate holes” to “holes”; to state the second terminals are exposed exteriorly of **both** the housing and the press-fitting block; to change “by an appropriate independent press-fitting jig” to “with an independent press-fitting jig”; and to change “into appropriate holes” to “into other holes”. Claim 1, as currently amended, includes identical language to our recently granted Chinese Patent No. CN 100448121C.

Claim 2 has been amended to remove the reference to different pitches since that limitation has been inserted in amended claim 1 and replaced with a reference to parallel "rows", which limitation was originally contained in claim 9 that has been cancelled.

The additional changes to the dependent claims are also for clarification and are consistent with the claims in our Chinese patent.

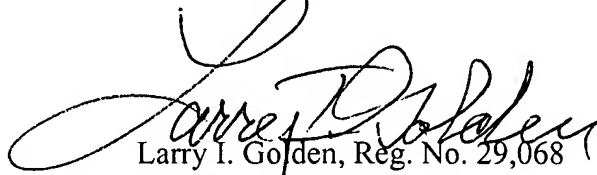
Applicant believes that amended claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-8 and 10 are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that no additional fee is required in connection with this Amendment, but the USPTO is authorized to charge any fee that may be due in this matter to Deposit Account No. 50-1873.

Applicants respectfully submit that as amended, the patent application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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